

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007 has been received and carefully considered. Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and replaced them by new claims 13-23. Claims 13-23 are pending in the application.

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

*Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schaff (US patent application no. 2004/0136388).*

Applicants have cancelled the independent claim 1 and replaced it with claim 13. The present invention as defined in new independent claim 13 is directed to a remote video-on-demand digital monitoring system that includes an image capture module for capturing images, a video-on-demand module for retrieving the captured images, and a client system for executing the video-on-demand module and displaying the retrieved images on-the-fly during transmission. Also included is a server relay module that is connected to the client system, the image capture module and the video-on-demand module through a telecommunication network, and transmits the captured images to the video-on-demand module. Thus, claim 13 specifies a feature to display retrieved images on the fly while the whole retrieved images are still in transmission.

In contrast, *Schaff* discloses a standalone video recording, playback and monitoring system, in which internet/intranet is used to connect IP cameras, storage devices and video servers to provide monitoring service. Although *Schaff* specifies that the video recording, playback and monitoring system enable playback of pre-recorded video (paragraph 0042), it does not teach on-the-fly display of the retrieved images (video) during transmission.

New claims 14-23 further patentably distinguish the invention over the prior art. For example, claims 14 and 15 (replacing claim 9) recite the broadcasting and recording functions of the digital monitoring system of the present invention. In contrast, although

*Schaff* describes the use of an ActiveX player (paragraph 0052), it does not explicitly teach the broadcasting and recording of select images.

Claim 21 (replacing claim 10) recites that a content-related note is associated with a captured image. In contrast, although *Schaff* specifies assigning tags such as time stamp, camera name or event attributes to a video file, these tags are not content-related (paragraph 0070). Claims 22 and 23 further recite how to assign the content-related note to an image when the digital monitoring system is used for vehicle surveillance.

Thus, claims 14-23 also are deemed clearly to be patentable over *Schaff* both for their dependency from claim 13 and the limitations they recite.

Based on the above, it therefore is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 13-23, earnestly is solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to arrange for such an interview.

The amount of \$460.00 is attached as payment of the two-month extension fee, by way of credit card form PTO-2038. Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven M. Rabin (Reg. No. 29,102)  
Rabin and Berdo PC  
CUSTOMER NO. 23995  
1101 - 14th Street, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Tel.: (202) 371-8976  
Fax: (202) 408-0924

April 2, 2008  
Date

SMR/HZ